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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

(**HONORABLE THOMAS J. WHELAN**)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff, v. CARISSA NORIEGA, Defendant.	)	CASE NO. 07CR3411-W STATEMENT OF FACTS AND MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANT'S MOTIONS.

I.

FACTUAL HISTORY

On December 19, 2007, the government secured an indictment against Ms. Noriega. In the indictment, the government alleges violations of 21 U.S.C. §§ 952 and 960, importation of cocaine, along with an alleged violations of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), Possession of cocaine with intent to distribute.

II.

MOTION TO COMPEL DISCOVERY

Ms. Noriega requests the following discovery. Her request is not limited to those items that the prosecutor knows of. It includes all discovery listed below that is in the custody, control, care, or knowledge of any "closely related investigative [or other] agencies." *See United States v. Bryan*, 868 F.2d 1032 (9th Cir. 1989).

(1) Brady Information. The defendant requests all documents, statements, agents' reports, and tangible evidence favorable to the defendant on the issue of guilt and/or

which affects the credibility of the government's case. Under *Brady v. Maryland*, 373 U.S. 83 (1963), impeachment as well as exculpatory evidence falls within the definition of evidence favorable to the accused. *United States v. Bagley*, 473 U.S. 667 (1985); *United States v. Agurs*, 427 U.S. 97 (1976).

(2) Any Proposed 404(b) Evidence. The government must produce evidence of prior similar acts under Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(a)(1) and Fed. R. Evid. 404(b) and any prior convictions which would be used to impeach as noted in Fed. R. Crim. P. 609. In addition, under Fed. R. Evid. 404(b), "upon request of the accused, the prosecution . . . shall provide reasonable notice in advance of trial . . . of the general nature" of any evidence the government proposes to introduce under Fed. R. Evid. 404(b) at trial. The defendant requests notice two weeks before trial to give the defense time to investigate and prepare for trial.

(3) Request for Preservation of Evidence. The defendant requests the preservation of all physical evidence that may be destroyed, lost, or otherwise put out of the possession, custody, or care of the government and which relate to the arrest or the events leading to the arrest in this case. This request includes, but is not limited to, the results of any fingerprint analysis, the defendant's personal effects, and any evidence seized from the defendant or any third party.

(4) Defendant's Statements. The defendant requests disclosure and production of all statements made by the defendant. This request includes, but is not limited to, the substance of any oral statement made by the defendant, Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(a)(1)(A), and any written or recorded statement made by the defendant. Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(a)(1)(B)(i)-(iii).

(5) Tangible Objects. The defendant seeks to inspect and copy as well as test, if necessary, all other documents and tangible objects, including photographs, books, papers, documents, alleged narcotics, fingerprint analyses, vehicles, or copies of portions thereof, which are material to the defense or intended for use in the government's case-in-chief or were obtained from or belong to the defendant. Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(a)(1)(E).

(6) Expert Witnesses. The defendant requests the name, qualifications, and a written summary of the testimony of any person that the government intends to call as an

expert witness during its case in chief. Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(a)(1)(G).

(7) Witness Addresses. The defendant requests access to the government's witnesses. Thus, counsel requests a witness list and contact phone numbers for each prospective government witness. Counsel also requests the names and contact numbers for witnesses to the crime or crimes charged (or any of the overt acts committed in furtherance thereof) who will not be called as government witnesses.

(8) Jencks Act Material. Ms. Noriega requests production in advance of trial of material discoverable under the Jencks Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3500. Advance production will avoid needless delays at pretrial hearings and at trial. This request includes any "rough" notes taken by the agents in this case. This request also includes production of transcripts of the testimony of any witness before the grand jury. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 3500(e)(1)-(3).

(9) Informants and Cooperating Witnesses. Ms. Noriega requests disclosure of the name(s), address(es), and location(s) of all informants or cooperating witnesses used or to be used in this case, and in particular, disclosure of any informant who was a percipient witness in this case or otherwise participated in the crime charged against Ms. Noriega. *Roviaro v. United States*, 353 U.S. 52, 61-62 (1957). The government must disclose any information derived from informants which exculpates or tends to exculpate Ms. Noriega. *Brady v. Maryland*, 373 U.S. 83 (1963). The government must disclose any information indicating bias on the part of any informant or cooperating witness. *Id.*

(10) Residual Request. Ms. Noriega intends by this discovery motion to invoke his rights to discovery to the fullest extent possible under the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure and the Constitution and laws of the United States.

III.

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE FURTHER MOTIONS

Ms. Noriega has received in discovery 29 pages of discovery. Therefore, given defense counsel's upcoming schedule, Ms. Noriega needs a bit more time to determine whether there are further motions to be filed in this case. Defense counsel requests leave to file further motions.

VI.

CONCLUSION

Ms. Noriega requests this Court grant his motions.

Respectfully submitted,

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